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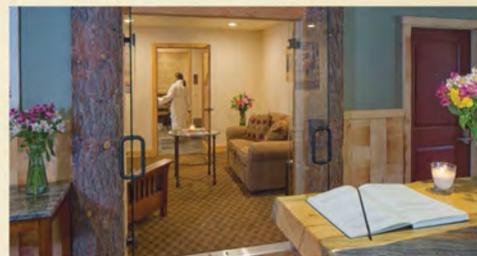
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This June will mark my seventh anniversary. I suppose that means I'm meant to experience the "seven-year itch."

As the geniuses at wikipedia explain, "The phrase was first used to describe an inclination to become unfaithful after seven years of marriage in the play *The Seven Year Itch* by George Axelrod."

The play was later adapted into a film starring Marilyn Monroe.

What I can tell you from experience is that year seven of a marriage isn't the issue. I can honestly say that the overall trend line of my marriage is positive.

Really, I think the biggest issue for us was around year two, when it began to dawn on each partner that a marriage is an airplane as opposed to a helicopter.

I know. What is he talking about?

Some twenty years ago, in the course of my first journalism job in central Idaho, I met a burly helicopter mechanic with a big beard-name of Jay LeJeune.

And LeJeune's oft-repeated, rhetorical question to me was, "What is a helicopter?" Answer: "A bunch of loose parts flying in formation."

If a marriage amounts to two parts flying in formation, that marriage probably won't last. A good marriage requires a certain amount of sacrifice of one's autonomy—which, in this, the age of self and selfie, may be a foreign concept to some.

The rest of marriage, the details ... all that's easily figured once both partners agree to ditch the helicopter for a more sensible form of transportation.

But back to the seven-year itch. That's the film where Monroe has the infamous scene where the wind blows her skirt up.

And thinking of that reminds me of my own wedding, which took place atop Mammoth Mountain. As my Aunt Patsy was walking down the stairs outside from the top of the gondola, the wind blew her skirt up clear over her face.

Instead of doing the sensible thing - moving away from the wind tunnel lifting her skirt, she just kind of stood there trying to push her skirt down, to little effect.

At which point my best man turns to me and says, "Pretty nice legs for a woman in her mid-sixties."

A little laughter, a little weirdness, watching your stoic father cry—which tends to produce a domino effect—a wedding is an event like no other. Which is precisely why you should spend it with us right here in the Eastern Sierra.

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## Wedding Calendar

*Due to the relative remoteness of the Eastern Sierra, which has a finite number of venues and vendors, you're going to want to start planning earlier than you might elsewhere. Reservations for everything from the venue to the photographer to the music should be made at least eight months prior to your wedding date. A recommended schedule appears below.*

### 8-12 MONTHS PRIOR

- Select a wedding date
- Hire a wedding planner coordinator
- Choose cake designer, florist, DJ/Band, videographer, photographer, caterer, officiant
- Reserve venues for ceremony, rehearsal dinner & reception
- Research for wedding license
- Schedule appointments at bridal salons

### 6 MONTHS PRIOR

- Decide cake flavors & options
- Hire designer to create your invitations & thank you cards
- Reserve tent & other rental items
- Reserve your limousine & your bridal preparation suite
- Finalize the date & time of the rehearsal dinner

### 5 MONTHS PRIOR

- Select floral arrangements
- Finalize all decorations with your planner
- Mail any outstanding deposits to vendors
- Shop for and purchase wedding rings
- Submit menu & beverage selections to your chosen caterer
- Begin music selections for the ceremony & reception
- Schedule tests for makeup & hair
- Meet with your officiant to review ceremony details
- Schedule an appointment for a food & cake tasting
- Set up an appointment to see a sample of your floral designs
- Schedule a final fitting for your gown & tuxedo
- Apply for a marriage license

### 6 WEEKS BEFORE

- Finalize & confirm all final details with your officiant, caterer, florist, musicians, venue, hair & makeup, transportation, etc.
- Prepare a 'shot list' for your photographer/videographer
- Pick up your wedding rings
- Schedule a final test makeup & hair session with your stylists
- Reconfirm your hotel room for the wedding night
- Send final payment to all vendors
- Finalize your vows with your officiant

### 1 WEEK BEFORE

- Pick up your gown & tuxedos
- Confirm all appointment times for hair, makeup, nails, etc.
- Reconfirm transportation for the entire wedding party
- Give your marriage license to the officiant

### ON WEDDING DAY

- Eat a well-balanced breakfast. Don't forget to eat!
- Drink lots of water & refrain from caffeine and alcohol
- Take a deep breath and enjoy—remember this is your day!

## Wedding Tips

*Some sage advice regarding everything from high-altitude issues to weather issues which you may encounter.*

### BE CONSCIOUS OF HIGH ALTITUDE

Altitude can affect people differently. Always serve food with alcohol and offer lots of water to stay hydrated.

*Visit [www.visitmammoth.com](http://www.visitmammoth.com) and search for High Altitude Tips for more information.*

### DO A PERMIT CHECK

If you're planning to have an outdoor ceremony at a stunning vista, like Minaret Vista or Mono Lake, check with your planner to make sure you don't need a special event permit from the Forest Service, BLM, County or National Park.

### AS THE BRIDE GOES, THE WEDDING GOES

Be flirty and fun. You planned for months and hired professionals... let the stress go and enjoy a spectacular day.

### DO A FESTIVAL CHECK

Mammoth Lakes hosts a number of larger festivals, which can be fun for your guests, but it can also make finding a venue and vendors more difficult or expensive.

### SLIP AWAY

Disappear for a while in between events, and enjoy the natural beauty of the Eastern Sierras with just the two of you. Don't forget to take along a snack and a glass of wine or champagne to toast to each other!

### DON'T GET WET

Our high altitude creates thunderstorms on some summer afternoons in the Eastern Sierra. If you're planning something outside, always make sure there's a backup plan.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE LINES

Skip the lines in the big city, and visit the Mono County Clerk's Office in Mammoth Lakes or the Inyo County Clerk's Office in Independence.

### DO YOURSELF A FAVOR

Hire a wedding coordinator for the week of your wedding if not the entire event. Especially if you planned on doing everything yourself. This is the biggest regret we hear from couples who do not hire a local planner or coordinator. This service is also a great gift to the couple as a wedding gift.

### POST-NUPTIAL HAVEN

Book a nice room somewhere where the two of you can relax in your own space.

### BE AWARE OF "MOUNTAIN TIME"

There is a rhythm in the mountains that you won't find elsewhere. If you've emailed your cake designer or florist and haven't heard back right away, don't fret.



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MICHELLE'S FINE JEWELRY

**ANNE MARIE'S HOME BOUTIQUE**

Located in Bishop, this quaint store offers high-end kitchen, bath and home decor items. Everything from Thames candles & scents, to Cuisinart cookware & appliances, to high-end tableware. Visit their store today for bridal registry, wedding gifts and more.

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**JEWEL AERIE**

Couples falling in love in the beautiful High Sierra can now have their chosen skyline on their wedding rings. The masterful workings of Colleen "Cookie" Phillips will capture the grandeur of the Sierras on the bands, and each ring can be accented with diamonds or gemstones.

See Listing Pg. 47

**MAMMOTH DIAMOND**

With over 23 years experience in jewelry design and diamond brokering, Lennie can find the perfect ring for any budget. Be it sterling silver, yellow or white gold or other precious metals, Lennie has the connections, skill and know-how to get you what you want at a price you like.

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**MICHELLE'S FINE JEWELRY**

The only place in the Eastern Sierra to rent tuxedos for your event, Michelle's also has registry books, cake cutters, personalized champagne glasses, tiaras, rings and more. Stop by and see her selection today. Located next to Vons in the Minaret Mall.

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i carry  
your heart  
in me  
(i carry it in my heart)  
i am  
never without  
it

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## invitations

There are several invitation options available in the Eastern Sierra. The artists featured below can create a lasting impression from the start.

### INDEPENDENT PROJECT PRESS

Bruce Licher, who runs the Independent Project Press in Bishop with his wife, the painter Karen Licher, was a founding member of Savage Republic, what Licher describes as an “avant grade, post-punk, surf psychedelia” band. Savage Republic produced several acclaimed albums in the ‘80s.

Bruce first learned letterpress printing while working on the album cover for Savage Republic’s first release. “I got into letterpress because I wanted to package my music, make it into a fine piece of art,” said Licher.

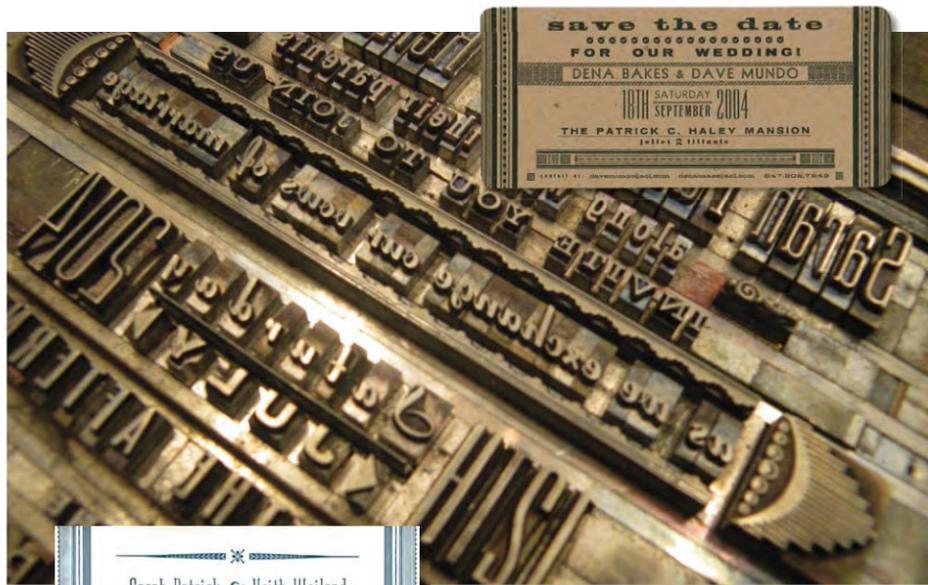
What is letterpress printing? In essence, it’s old-fashioned printing where each letter is an individual cast piece of metal. The raised pieces soak up the ink, which is then pressed into paper. The work is artisanal and labor-intensive.

“When I got into it, it was completely dying out,” said Licher, but letterpress has experienced a bit of a revival recently, pushing back against the crushing uniformity of ... just about everything else.

Bruce’s longest standing client is the Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles. He has been producing the hotel’s stationery for about two decades.

In the late ‘80s, Licher was nominated for two Grammys for his album cover designs. So imagine that - you can get your wedding invitations, thank you cards, et. al. done by an internationally acclaimed musician and artist located right here in little old Bishop.

Call today for a quote.



Take a shop tour to truly appreciate this traditional wedding invitation print method.

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## officiant



*When you decided to get married, you were very particular about whom you chose to marry. Why not be particular about choosing the right person to perform the ceremony?*

Whether you are getting married in a field, on top of a mountain, or beside a cool mountain stream, Eastern Sierra Officiants will trek just about anywhere to perform your ceremony for you.

There are several officiant options in the Eastern Sierra. You can hire the officiant of your choice from the list below, or your vendor may also have their own officiant.

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Jill Orozco 760.861.5106  
Mitzi Eilts 860.388.7662 See Ad Pg. 40  
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### SORT CREATIVE

This local graphic designer can create gorgeous personal invitations and collateral for your next event. Katy Grans Drake uses modern techniques to create beautiful invitations, wedding programs, thank you cards, registry sheets. Contact her today to see her portfolio of options.

www.MammothMade.com  
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Planning a wedding in the mountains can be a daunting task. Using local planners and coordinators can turn daunting into delightful.



The following venues have wedding planners and consultants on staff.

- Mammoth Mountain Weddings*
- June Mountain Weddings*
- Convict Lake Resort*
- Double Eagle Resort*
- Wilderness Catering at Pokonobe*



**DOORSTEP CONCIERGE**

Specializing in intimate weddings with an emphasis on understated elegance. With Doorstep Concierge, you get your own personal concierge, helping to create a fun and stress-free wedding. Let them help you create your perfect Eastern Sierra wedding. They have access to all the venues & vendors to make your wedding exactly what you had envisioned. Let them take care of the details leading up to your day and the final minutes prior to your "I Do's." Doorstep Concierge is your BFF for one of your most memorable days. Offering multiple levels of personal services, tailored to meet all your needs. Just ask... and consider it done.

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**GREEN FOX EVENTS**  
Whether you want to get married alongside a crystal alpine lake, or use the dramatic Sierra Nevada mountains as a backdrop, Green Fox Events makes it happen. They make sure everything is taken care of so you can enjoy every moment of your special day. All while providing exceptional customer service that goes above and beyond. Their tailored packages meet all of your needs. Whatever you can dream, they can make it happen.

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## catering & food

There is a wide range of catering options in the Eastern Sierra, from private in-home catering, BBQ, buffet style, to fine cuisine with tableside service. For the budget-conscious to the extravagant, there is an option for any taste!

**GOMEZ'S**  
This Restaurant and Tequileria located in the Village at Mammoth features a Mexican/Latin fusion menu and more than 500 tequilas! Their professional, capable and experienced staff provides both on-site and off-site services. On-site they can offer a tailored menu, reserved seating as well as a private intimate lounge with comfortable booths and cozy fireplace. Off-site their services include catering for your rehearsal dinner, family gathering or post-nuptial celebration. For parties ranging from 25 to 250.

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**CJ'S TASTES GOOD TO ME CATERING**  
CJ's Grill opened Memorial Day weekend of 2011. Owners Carrie & Jason Hoeltzel specialize in homemade food and family recipes, and have the perfect spot for your post-wedding brunch. Prior to opening CJ's, Carrie planned events and weddings for over ten years. CJ's nimbly caters to those of all appetites, including the allergy-conscious, the food-conscious, and the sweet of tooth. "When it comes to vegetarians, I was a vegetarian for 10 years, so it's definitely something that we try to focus on," says Carrie. And when it comes to cakes, pies and desserts, "Jason has the worst sweet tooth in the world, and his baking is amazing," she adds.

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### CHEF MOLNAR

This is how good professional chef Daniel Molnar is: Molnar is the guy whom the Mammoth Food and Wine Experience has tapped as its Chef Coordinator, responsible for recruiting many of the top chefs who participate in the event. A Culinary Institute of America alumnus and former Executive Chef at the Westin Monache in Mammoth, Molnar also comes with his own, well-earned nickname: "Powder Dan." Molnar caters parties of all sizes, and in fact, recently catered the Mad Hatter's Tea fundraiser for approximately 100 women at the Sierra Events Center. Customize your menu from Daniel's time proven selections, or find out more about his seasonal menu selections.

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*The Following Venues  
Can Also Cater Your Event.  
Call Them Today For More Information.*

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Mammoth Mountain  
June Mountain  
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Mammoth Rock 'n' Bowl  
Westin Monache  
Sierra Nevada Resort  
Whoa Nellie Deli

### BLEU HANDCRAFTED FOODS

Mammoth's only gourmet market and tasting bar, Bleu is committed to providing only the most wholesome, artisan and natural foods available from sustainable sources. Custom catering and event planning is one of Bleu's specialties. Brandon & Theresa Brocia offer more than thirty years of combined experience to insure professionally executed events, wedding receptions or gourmet private chef dinners.

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### WILDERNESS CATERING AT POKONOBE

Publisher Jack Lunch has firsthand knowledge of what Wilderness Catering's Marci Satterfield can do, as he held his Sunday morning, post-wedding reception at Pokonobe Lodge. And the whole experience—the buffet as well as the spectacular setting on the deck—Lunch still fields glowing commentary to this day. The nice part about Pokonobe is that it is not weather-dependent. Inside or out, it's beautiful and Marci is sure to deliver a first-class experience that you'll always remember. She is also very easy to work with in terms of meeting a budget without sacrificing quality.

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### ROBERTO'S

One of Mammoth's favorite Mexican restaurants offers taco cart service for your wedding celebration. Choose from meats and fish, all served 'authentic style' and featuring their homemade salsa and sauces. Their taco cart can be set up virtually anywhere—the shores of Crowley Lake, an alpine meadow—so it gives you many creative options, as well as top quality food and professional service.

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### SIDE DOOR CAFE

Located in The Village, this cozy, warm, and intimate space offers a wine cellar, specialty beers, handmade cocktails and delicious food. It is a comfortable place to relax with your friends and have a leisurely glass of wine. The cozy atmosphere is also the perfect place to hold your intimate post-nuptial celebration, bachelorette/bachelor parties, or day after brunch. The Side Door is known for its paninis, crepes and fondue.

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BLEU HANDCRAFTED FOODS



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SIDE DOOR CAFE

**CAKES BY SUE**  
Sue Ebersold has owned the Breakfast Club for the past quarter-century and has been coordinator of Mammoth's Fourth of July Parade since anyone can remember. She is also a Pastry Diva of the first order. She is to cakes what Meryl Streep is to acting. Taste one of Sue's cheesecakes and it may spoil all other cheesecakes for life. She's also experienced making delicious gluten-free options.

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GARRETT IMAGES

cakes & desserts

This is one item you need to order here in the Eastern Sierra. Whether you want traditional wedding cakes, or contemporary options such as cupcakes, chocolate truffles, or cake pops, you'll surely find something delicious from our cake vendors.



**MOUNTAIN CAKERY**  
New to the area, Cora Coleman and Lauren Jenks create some of the best desserts in town. Both veterans of Stellar Brew, they began their business in October 2013. They offer all natural, vegan, organic, and gluten-free options for your special day. Their fresh fruit decor is sure to please the pickiest of pallets.

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**WILDERNESS CATERING AT POKONOBE**

This venue at Lake Mary not only can cater and hold you event, they can also create a delicious wedding cake for you. Marci specializes in traditional flavors and decorations, all painstakingly created with tenderness and love. Her cakes not only look great, they taste great too. Call her today to discuss your ideas.

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**CJ'S TASTES GOOD TO ME CATERING**  
Not only does CJ's cater, they can also create a dessert for your special day. Creations include cakes, cupcakes, layered cakes. Call them today for your wedding cake or cupcakes

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cakes & desserts



**SKADI**  
 Chef Ian Algeroen was the owner and executive chef of the renowned Restaurant Skadi for 17 years, and for 17 years, his was among the top three restaurants in town. Restaurant Skadi always had a particularly good dessert menu, and Publisher Jack Lunch was particularly fond of its chocolate dishes, the creme brûlée and the panna cotta with fresh berries. Call Ian today to learn more about his extensive portfolio.

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hair & makeup

There are several ways to have your hair and makeup done for your special day in the Eastern Sierra. You can choose from local salons, to industry leaders who will come to you. The following is a sample of several options available to make you look your best.



**ERIK TORPPE**  
 Looking beautiful on your special day is every bride's dream. And with the makeup stylings of Erik Torppe, you will. Erik reigns from the Eastern Sierra, where he loves to make you as beautiful as you have imagined. He will come to your location, and can even help with hairdos, making your day even more relaxing. Let Erik make you look radiant and beautiful on your special day.  
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**AMERICAN BEAUTY**  
 This full-service salon also offers full hair, makeup, manicures and pedicures, and hairstyling for your special day. Dedicated to providing you with the utmost attention, courtesy, and level of service. Conveniently located in central Mammoth Lakes, visit this salon to see their portfolio of possibilities.  
 See Ad Pg. 45

**ALLURE SALON**  
 For all your bridal hair needs, contact Allure Salon. From romantic waves to intricate up-dos, they focus on the style that is right for you. For a small additional fee, Allure Salon will even come to you, be it your cabin, hotel room, or wedding venue. A trial run is recommended so that on the big day you know what to expect and the time it will take.  
 See Ad Pg. 43

**BLAZING SHEARS**  
 Offering both hair and makeup stylings, this salon, conveniently located in the center of Mammoth Lakes, has every modern convenience you can imagine. Relax while you are pampered with a manicure, facial, hair style and makeup application. You will be sure to look your best with this full-service salon.  
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**RED LILY**  
Local floral designer Patricia Vanders uses unique, natural elements found in the High Sierra and fuses them with contemporary materials for an eclectic look exclusive to Mammoth Lakes. Using only the finest materials, each piece is a work of art that is sure to create a lasting impression.

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DANIEL COOK PHOTOGRAPHY



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Nowadays, couples are choosing a more artistic style of photography. The following pages highlight local photographers and showcase their unique styles.

**TIGHT PORTRAIT SHOT**  
Here, photographer Kendra Knight not only highlights the couple's faces, but their flowers as well in this beautiful, intimate shot.

*Kendra Knight Photography*



**BLACK & WHITE**  
Some couples still prefer the richness of old-school black-and-white photography.

*Bruce Willey Photography*



**PANORAMA**  
Panoramic photography is also known as wide format photography. The term has also been applied to a photograph that is cropped to a relatively wide aspect ratio. Here, Sue Morning captures the intimacy of that first dance.

*Susan Morning Photography*

**DEPTH OF FIELD**  
Items in the foreground in focus, and items in the background out of focus.

*Garrett Images*

**LOCATION**  
An unexpected location for a photo can create an amazing impression.

*Minaret Photography*



**MACRO**  
A tight, close up shot not only shows amazing details, it can also create a moody experience.

*Joel St Marie*



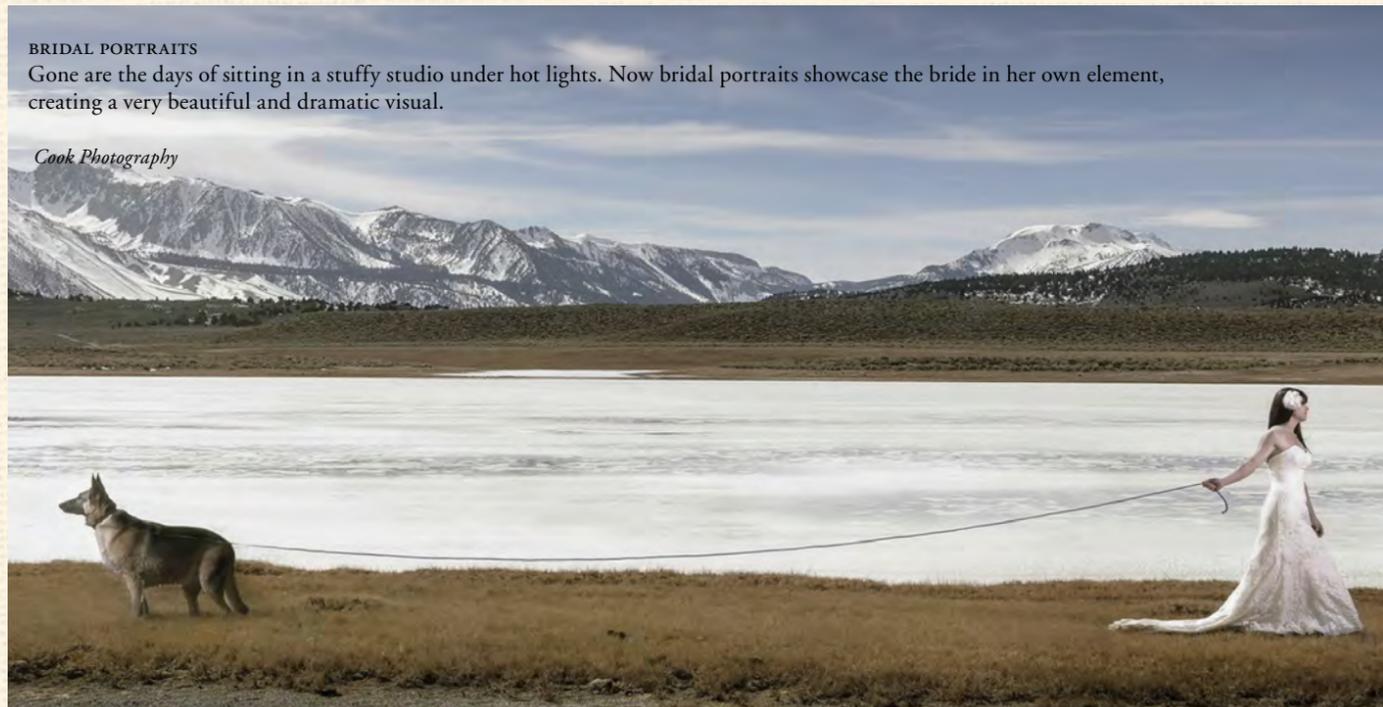
**ACTION SHOT**  
Movement can be captured and 'frozen' as shown, or items can be 'blurry' as well.

*Cookes Fine Photography*

BRIDAL PORTRAITS

Gone are the days of sitting in a stuffy studio under hot lights. Now bridal portraits showcase the bride in her own element, creating a very beautiful and dramatic visual.

*Cook Photography*



LANDSCAPE

Take advantage of the natural surroundings to accentuate the moment.

*Cook's Fine Photography*



CONTRAST  
Dark backgrounds can make wedding dresses stand out.

*Joel St. Marie*

# weddings

The following pages highlight four Eastern Sierra weddings, beginning with that of U.S. Olympian John Teller.



MICHELLE'S FINE JEWELRY

The men in the wedding party were outfitted with their tuxes by Michelle's Fine Jewelry. See Ad Pg. 42

MORNING PHOTOGRAPHY

Local friend and photographer Susan Morning took gorgeous photos of the wedding. See Ad Pg. 45

SIERRA STAR

The wedding and ceremony took place at Sierra Star through Mammoth Mountain. See Ad Pg. 48

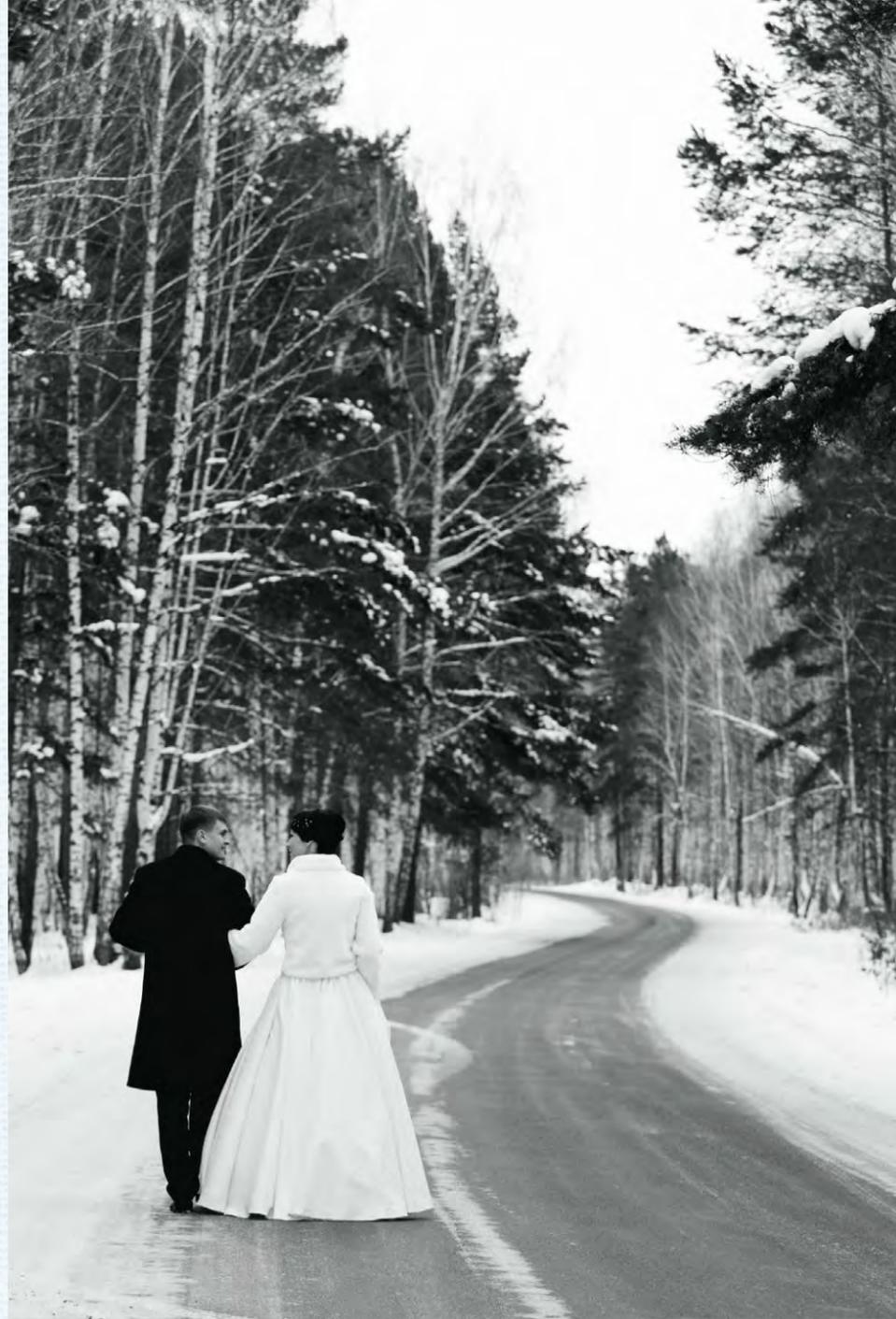


**MAMMOTH BRIDAL**  
The bride, a local, worked with Mammoth Bridal to find the perfect dress.  
*See Ad Pg. 41*

**SIMPLY MASSAGE**  
The bride and her bridesmaids were well rested after a day of pampering at Simply Massage in the Village.  
*See Ad Pg. 42*

**EDDY EVANS**  
Classical music was performed by the Eddy Evans Trio.  
*See Ad Pg. 45*

**MAMMOTH VIDEOGRAPHY**  
Mammoth Videography, Dan McConnell, shot the event, allowing the couple to create their own custom-edited movies.  
*See Ad Pg. 41*



**MY MAMMOTH SHUTTLE**  
The snowy day proved no obstacle for My Mammoth Shuttle.  
*See Ad Pg. 36*

**GREEN FOX EVENTS**  
The bride worked with Green Fox Events to ensure a perfect, intimate wedding, down to the last detail.  
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**WHAT AN ENTRANCE**

The groom skied his way to the altar through the 'hole in the wall' crossing over Twin Lakes Bridge to his waiting bride.

**ANDREW WEBBER**

The bridal party and guests were treated to classical music by Andrew Webber. See Ad Pg. 45



**VENUE**  
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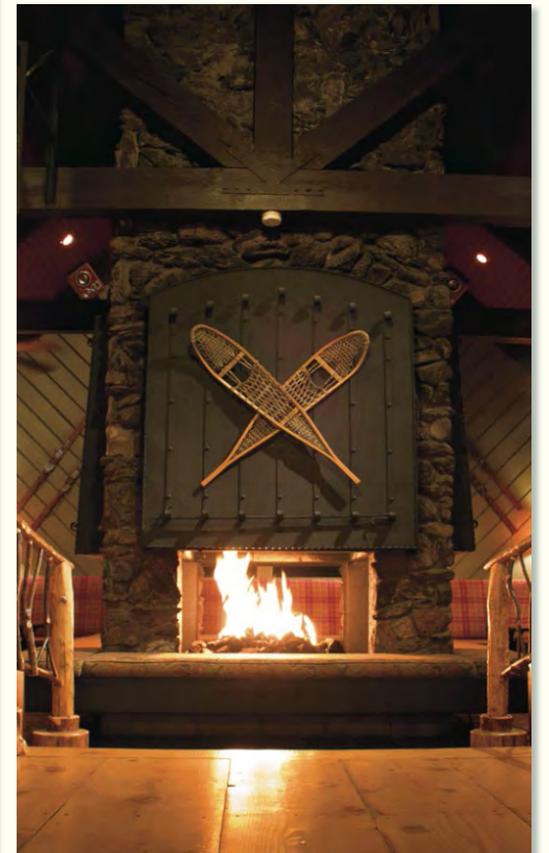
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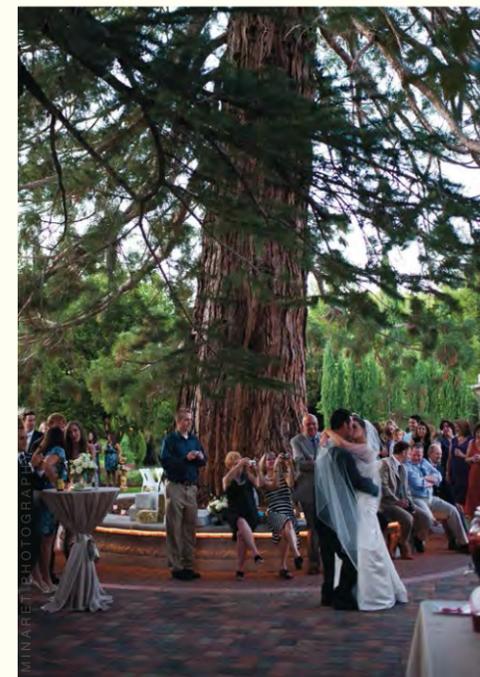
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## Public Lands : Venues

Mammoth Lakes is surrounded by 3 million acres of public land. If you're planning to have an outdoor ceremony at a stunning vista, meadow or park, check with your planner to make sure you don't need a special event permit from one of the organizations below.



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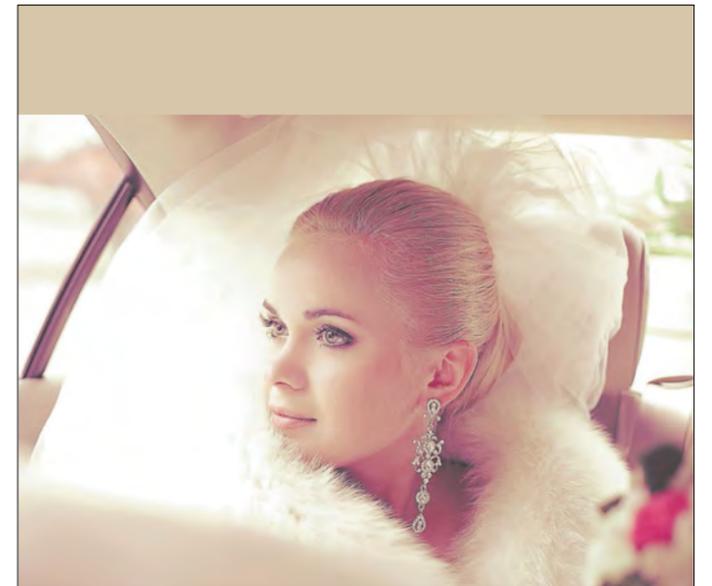
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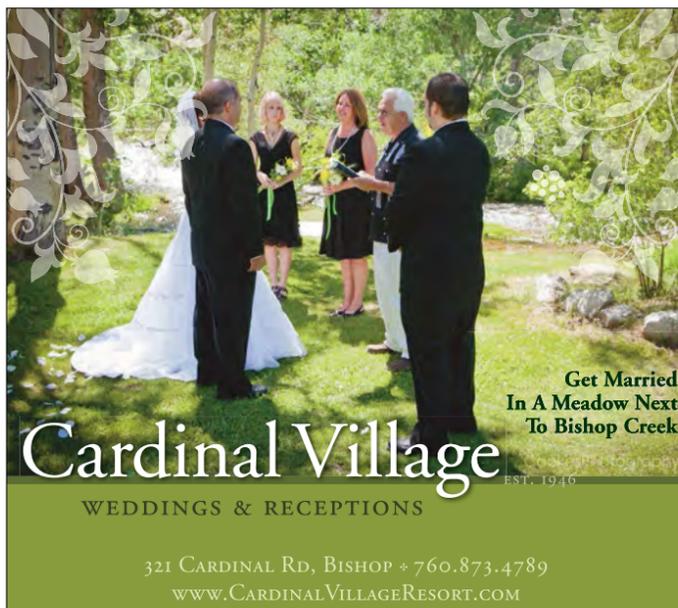
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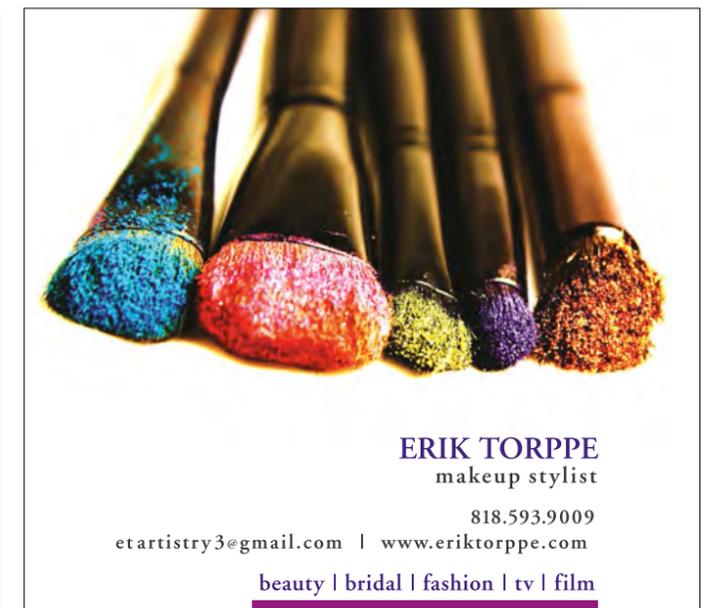
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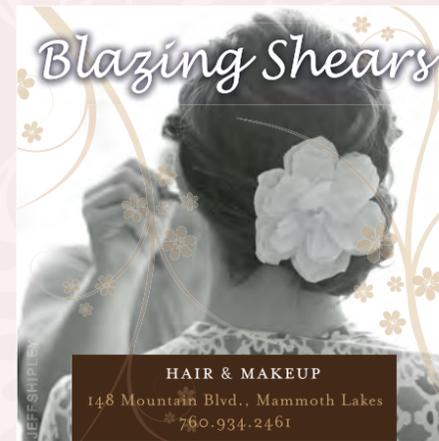
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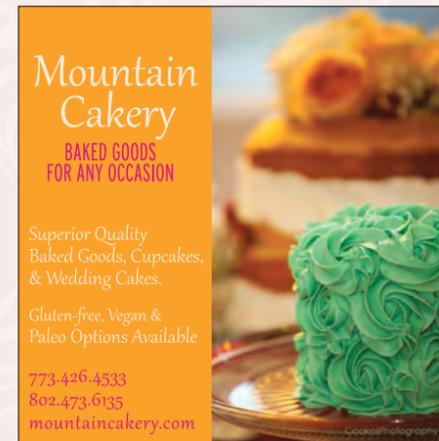


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